

# AP Psych performs dress code experiment

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The AP Psychology class performed an experiment to determine if a bias exists that certain demographics of students receive more detentions in regard to dress code. To determine this, students selected to participate in the experiment deliberately violated the dress code by fully untucking their shirts. There were 67 students participating in the study. They varied in gender, grade, race, estimated GPA and involvement in activities. The goal of the experiment was not only to determine a bias, but also to create a positive learning experience for students. “I think things that are more student-led get more interest from the students,” said AP Psychology teacher Mr. Ed Whiting. “Instead of memorizing, [students] were analyzing.” The hypothesis of the experiment maintained that there would be a less strict enforcement of dress code for student athletes and minorities. In order to begin the experiment, the AP Psychology students needed to determine a representative sample. They did this by combining the names of every student in O’Gorman, putting the names in a hat and randomly selecting slips of paper with the names. The sample size was figured to be a little less than 10% of the student population, consisting of 55 students plus the

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Sandra Day O’Connor was sworn in as the first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice in 1981.

# Justice O’Connor speaks at Augustana’s Boe Forum

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Many think of 2008 as a history-making year, but a 78 year-old woman who grew up on a cattle ranch in the Southwest made history 27 years ago as she joined eight men in the nation’s highest court. This woman, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, spoke before individuals of all ages in Sioux Falls during Augustana College’s 13th Boe Forum on Public Affairs. The Boe Forum is held annually - free of charge - by the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College as the result of the dream of former South Dakota Governor Nils Boe to “establish a lecture series that would bring to the Northern Plains the outstanding speakers in the world today.” During the event, Day O’Connor, now retired, shared her experiences as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Her presence was unique because Supreme Court judges usually are extremely secretive about their professions and grant very few interviews. Day O’Connor went to Stanford Law School and graduated third in her class. She struggled to find a job as a lawyer because she was a woman.

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# Recycling earns cash and saves landfills

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Recycling in Sioux Falls is an issue that receives little attention even though it greatly impacts all in the community. Every few years the city is forced to spend millions of dollars for maintaining and upgrading the landfill. The public works department has estimated that the landfill will reach its capacity sometime from 2050 to 2060. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, about 70% of all household waste can be recycled, but only a small portion actually is. Increasing the rate of recycling and utilities available has become one of the primary goals of the Sioux Falls Department of Public works. “Our greatest challenge at the moment is communicating to the public why recycling

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# U.S. witnesses historic election of first black president

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Chicago echoed with the slogan that had been heard many times throughout Democrat Barack Obama’s campaign, “Yes we can.” Thousands from around the country of every age and race gathered at Grant Park to hear their new President elect’s victory speech. Obama defeated his opponent Republican John McCain in the presidential election by a large margin of 365 electoral votes to 173 electoral votes. Democrats control both chambers of Congress: the House of Representatives, and the Senate. Here in South Dakota much attention was

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# St. Mary’s Church to start major construction project, redo roof

Maggie Lawler  
Staff Writer

Since its construction in 1958, St. Mary’s Church has been one of Sioux Falls’ finest constructed churches. However, some of its latest architecture is becoming a bit outdated. “St. Mary’s has had one major repair in 1985 since it was built, but it is now time for one more mending,” said Father David Krogman, pastor of St. Mary’s Parish. St. Mary’s is in need of a new roof. This project will cost \$60,000. B&H Roofing Company is performing the task, and it is planning to begin as soon as possible. All that is needed is permission from the bishop, and the project will begin as early as this week. It is estimated that the roof will be completed in three weeks, weather permitting. “Services will not be interrupted at all, which includes weddings, masses, and funerals,” said Krogman.

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12 AP Psychology students.

The next step of the study was to ensure confidentiality among the participants. Consent forms were made and signed by the participants so the experiment would be conducted properly. Students taking part in the study were told to keep quiet about the experiment until it was over so there would not be a phenomenon of students with untucked shirts who were not in the study.

AP Psychology students then informed the participants of the study while handing out data tables for students to record the responses, or lack thereof, for one week. Also on the sheets were areas for information about the student such as gender, grade, race, approximate GPA, and activities. The data sheets listed a full week with slots for each period and passing times to record information. Participants were to mark the boxes with NR-no response, W-warning, and D-detention.

Students were able to understand the steps of a research study better because they applied what they learned instead of cramming for a test.

“It was a fun new way to look at

data,” said junior Dawn Williams. “Usually classes just hand out surveys but this allowed students to engage in the activity.”

Ideally, the experiment was meant to last for a full week but it was cut short to two days. This was a necessary step because the safety and reputation of students were at risk.

In fact a student said “One teacher flipped a lid on me when I walked by him a third time with my shirt un tucked.” Another student agreed that some teachers reacted strongly.

“I wish it lasted longer to see how mad Mr. V could get,” said junior Zach Lang.

Once the study ended, the psychology class distributed disclaimers to teachers explaining the recent change in some students’ behavior. Also, a few of the AP Psych students presented the experiment to the entire faculty at a staff meeting and received mixed reactions.

The results of the study show male teachers give more warnings and detentions than female teachers give and that male students get more detentions and warnings compared to females. Also, a racial bias was confirmed during this study. Minority and international students that took part in the study received no warnings or detentions while

Caucasian, non- international students received many more. Though this data supports their hypothesis, it was not expected to be so drastic.

“I think it was good for the school to see who some teachers target over others,” said Lang.

Though the experiment was cut short and some students didn’t provide the necessary information on their data sheets, the AP Psychology class felt the results were accurate enough to establish a bias. Results by grade level had a consistent increase in warnings. Freshmen had 106 warnings, sophomores 237, juniors 392 and seniors 461. Juniors had the most no responses with a total of 54, then seniors with 50, sophomores with 28 and freshmen with ten. Sophomores led detentions with seven, followed by seniors with four, juniors with three and the freshmen had none.

As for student athletes, no bias was found. Student athletes were issued the same amount of warnings and detentions as those involved in music. Students involved in school clubs received slightly fewer warnings while drama students and those un-involved experienced minimal backlash. Visual art students were issued twice as many warnings as any other group.

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She became involved in public service when she returned to Arizona. She was elected to the Arizona State Senate and was the first woman State Senate Majority Leader.

President Ronald Reagan appointed her to the Supreme Court because of a campaign promise he had made. She shattered the glass-ceiling in the Supreme Court by becoming the first woman appointed.

Day O’Connor began her speech with a lesson on the judicial branch, its history and how it “sometimes finds itself in the center of public controversy.” She pointed out that the Supreme Court is undemocratically chosen and those on the bench do not accurately represent the demographics of the US, yet it has unbiased and impartial power over the actions of the other two branches.

On the Constitution, she said, “In my opinion, the Constitution and law of the United States are there to promote justice – that’s why we have them. Sometimes the Constitution is vague, you know. Sometimes the Constitution is also specific. If it’s not, you have to figure it out and come out with what you hope is the right answer.”

Day O’Connor was then

presented with a number of pre-written questions from students of Augustana College.

When asked, when she was younger, what she wanted to be when she grew up, Day O’Connor said, “I wanted to be a cattle rancher. It turned out to be a lot harder to achieve than I realized. I had to settle for the law.”

“Did you know that in 1930 – the year I was born – 35 percent of Americans lived in rural areas? Today over 80 percent live in urban areas, and this is a total change. In the rural areas you were given responsibilities, but you had a responsibility to make sure it stayed alive,” said Day O’Connor. “And you weren’t paid for it and you weren’t complimented for it if you did it well, but if you didn’t you would hear about it. I see these young people in urban areas who have no jobs, no responsibility as youngsters, and I think that’s a tragedy.”

Day O’Connor never let her political beliefs influence her when she was on the bench; she decided each case on its own merits rather than with a pre-determined set of political beliefs. In some controversial cases, she cast the swing vote and often her independent thinking got her in trouble. Upon announcing her retirement in 2005, she was disappointed that her replacement was not a woman.

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# Quotes of the Month

- “Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me, and just be my friend.”
- “The ability to quote is a serviceable substitute for wit.”
- “Of all the things I’ve lost, I miss my mind the most.”
- “If you really want something in life you have to work for it. Now quiet, they’re about to announce the lottery numbers.”
- “Don’t mock Battlestar Galactica. It’s like The West Wing in space.”
- “America is too great for small dreams.”
- “Blessed are the young, for they will inherit the national debt.”
- “If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity.”

- Answers
1. Albert Camus  
2. Somerset Maugham  
3. Mark Twain  
4. Homer Simpson  
5. Mr. Van Engen  
6. Pres. Ronald Reagan  
7. Pres. Herbert Hoover  
8. Pres. John F. Kennedy





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St. Charles Borromeo used his God-given power to take an initiative in his community.

## Saint Charles Borromeo lived life through example

Rachel Lindgren  
Staff Writer

Once, when playing billiards, a friend asked Charles Borromeo what he would do if he found out he only had fifteen minutes to live. Barely pausing, he replied, "Go right on playing billiards."

Borromeo was a man who lived in the moment even though he had a tremendous load of responsibilities. When he was called to serve as the Archbishop of Milan, Borromeo inherited a diocese in a crumbling and deplorable state.

Yet, Borromeo found time not only to help bring the Council of Trent to fruition, but also to find schools for the poor, seminaries for clerics and hospitals for the sick. He worked among each, leading his diocese by example.

Instead of relying on other people or claiming future time, Borromeo got up each morning and

took an initiative in his community. He sacrificed his time and lived life from day to day, neither considering the future nor dwelling on the past. He simply lived in the present.

In our daily lives, often times, we put things off until the last possible moment usually because of laziness. Instead of studying for Friday's test, we go to the movies with friends. Rather than serve at the St. Francis House, we fool ourselves into believing we will do it next week.

Who knows if we will have a next week, or even a tomorrow? For that matter, who knows how long family and friends have left either? One should never rely on tomorrow to make an apology.

Borromeo was not a special case; each of us is called to eternal life with God. It is a life with neither a future nor a past. We are each called to holiness, and by following Borromeo's example, we too can become one with God.

### Saint of the Month

St. Charles Borromeo  
Archbishop of Milan

(b.1538 - d.1584)

Feast Day:  
November 4

Canonized:  
1 November, 1610

Patron  
of spiritual leaders

## Future seminarian to write column about Catholicism

Patrick Linsenmeyer  
Staff Writer

If you have not seen him at Mass, then you must not be going. Senior Joe Scholten has been a positive example for many and is now the writer for our upcoming apostolic column.

His decision to go to seminary is solidifying. With this in mind, the *Scroll* did not have to look hard to find a columnist for the new faith page. In fact, Scholten's name was the first and only one to come up in the discussion.

In the words of Mrs. Reed, "Joe Scholten is a godsend to the theology department."

Because of that belief, the *Scroll* sat down and interviewed Scholten.

*Scroll:* What was a defining

factor in your decision to join the seminary?

Joe Scholten: The moment I accepted God's Will I was filled with this supernatural joy. I felt an incredible inner peace immediately after the decision despite all thoughts about what I would have to give up. When this happened, I was downtown standing outside a coffee shop. I remember looking up and seeing St. Joseph Cathedral at the top of the hill and suddenly possessing this jubilant hope for the future. That is one way I was assured that this was a real call to discernment.

S: What do you think about O'Gorman's faith experience?

J.S.: We are very blessed here. I am extremely glad I have all the

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## St. Mary

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Several weeks ago, Krogman noticed leaks in the confessional.

"I thought it was the windows, which would have been bad because we replaced those this summer, but it was the roof," said Krogman. "It is miraculous that with all the rips in the ceiling, the plaster walls were able to hold up."

After it was made certain that a new roof was the only option, the major concern of funding arose.

"St. Mary's has over 1,000 families, which means 60 dollars per family. The majority of parishioners will come through," said Krogman.

"It is very important that we are able to have a major reconstruction and keep a wonderful place to worship for our parishioners," said junior Emily Hoffman, a St. Mary's parishioner.



Over the years, the architecture at St. Mary's has won three national awards.

"[St. Mary's Church's] beauty is timeless," said Krogman.

"I feel very privileged to serve in a church with such outstanding beauty where the parishioners take such pride in this wonderful place of worship," said Krogman.

## Chapel exposes O'G history

Maggie Lawler  
Rebecca Hagemeyer

The earliest of Mass celebrations is a secret known to play techies and priests. The area that is now used as storage and a scene shop by the drama department was once a chapel from the time the school was built until 1998. Its location served as an easily accessible worship place for the priests for several reasons.

"The chapel stood between the living area of the priests and the auditorium where daily Mass was held," said Father Chuck

Cimpl. "Placed on a rolling platform, the altar was moved from the chapel to the stage on a daily basis."

The chapel was lined with about 12 sets of dark wood pews. The school celebrated Mass twice a day in the old chapel. One Mass was held for just girls, and one was held for just boys.

In the mid 1970s, weekly Masses in the auditorium replaced the daily Masses. This ritual stayed the same until the new chapel was completed in 1998. The tabernacle and altar were removed and restored in the previous chapel. The space was

turned over to the then Head of the Drama Department, Kevin Brick, for renovation to a scene shop.

"Where the garage door now is, there was once a smaller door connecting the chapel to backstage," said Brick. "The chapel had two confessionals located near the gymnasium that are now used as storage and part of a meeting room."

In 1998, the chapel was moved to a quieter location. The main reason for the move was because there was a considerable amount of noise and traffic due to the overhang in the gym.



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The old chapel serves as a storage room for the theater dept.



# Work study contributes to new school

Rebecca Jarding  
Staff Writer

With O’Gorman’s new school come new classrooms, new desks, new carpet, and plenty of new work opportunities offered to this year’s work study students.

Work study at O’Gorman gives students the chance to earn money to apply toward their tuition. Students can work to pay off their tuition amount by working a certain

amount of hours throughout the school year or even during the summer.

Mrs. Joan Mahoney, who helps organize opportunities for work study students, says there are other benefits than just tuition pay back to participating in work study.

“Many parents find the work study program a good way for students to take ownership of their education,” she said.

“I think it is a good opportunity

“Work study is a good opportunity for kids to work hard and earn their education.”

- Jenna King

for kids to work hard and earn their education while at the same time help out around the school and community,” said senior Jenna

King.

The 150-200 students involved can work off their hours at various times whether it is during the school day, after school or even in the summer. Students clock in at the old G-Wing to keep track of their hours, working an average of 40 minutes a day.

A variety of work opportunities is offered to the students. They may work during the school day- as office helpers or lunchroom

helpers- or after school to help clean classrooms. The busy summer for O’Gorman, in particular, offered work study a chance to contribute to the completion of the new school. Participants can also help with Holy Spirit’s daycare STRETCH program or help with watering flowers and groundskeeping at St. Michael’s cemetery.

Regardless, the work study students’ hard work is a great contribution to the school.

## TATU/SADD aims to curb, prevent tobacco use

Domenica Gilbert  
Staff Writer

Students filled the gym last month, attempting to walk the line with goggles simulating intoxication during Red Ribbon Week.

TATU, an organization focused on preventing and reducing tobacco use, is affiliated with SADD, structured around helping kids avoid destructive decisions. Students in these organizations do interactive activities that help them understand the dangers of being under the influence.

“We help individuals to quit,” said Adviser Mrs. Donna Carlson. “We want to promote a healthy lifestyle.”

TATU is a national program that receives a \$15,000 grant yearly to use toward supporting the program and smoke-free living. This funding is used towards SADD as well.

TATU also supports the school. O’Gorman students are able to get planners for free thanks to TATU.

The program sponsors a smoke-free bowling night that in the past has charged bowlers a minimal fee.

“This year, we are going to let kids bring food items instead of paying a fee,” said Carlson.

Students will be deducted one dollar per food item they bring.

“With the economic issues going on right now, we will have the opportunity to help out the community,” said Carlson.

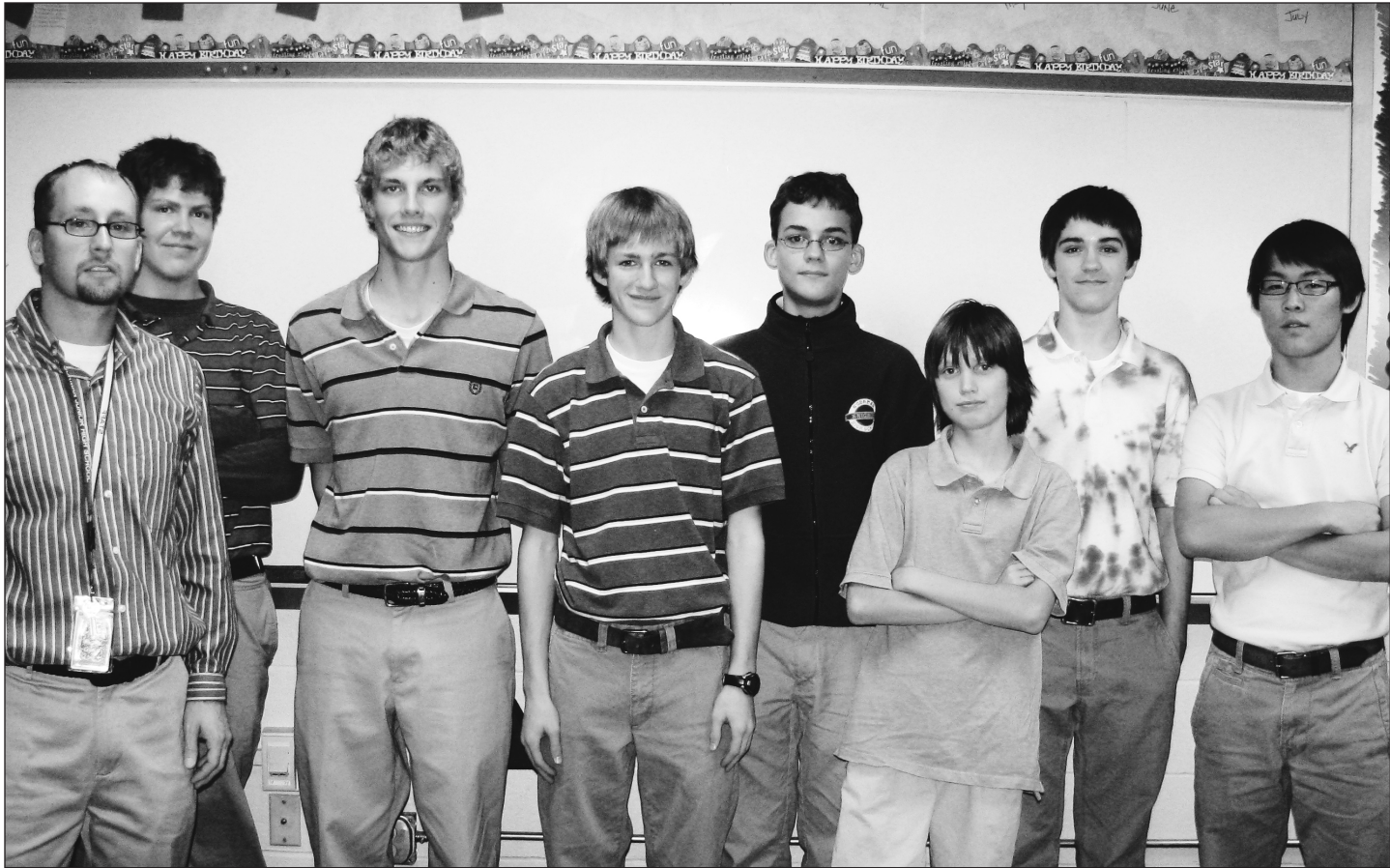
Along with the activities done during school, students involved will go out to other schools and talk about the dangers of tobacco use starting second semester.

“We do activities focused on showing the effects tobacco and addiction have on our life,” said junior Pat Brende.

Activities include demonstrating how tobacco affects the lungs and showing what is actually in cigarettes.

I like doing activities that the kids like and want to do, said Brende.

“It’s cool to know that it really does make a difference.”



O’Gorman’s quiz bowl team is made up of all underclassmen.

## Young quiz bowl team establishes self in tournaments, sets goals for future

Rebecca Jarding  
Taylor Reaves

Only one O’ Gorman activity will reward members for knowing what the first kind of Campbell’s condensed soup was. This activity is quiz bowl. (By the way, it was tomato).

“It is similar to Jeopardy or any other trivia show but with a team,” said Coach Chad LeBrun

In a quiz bowl competition, different teams from participating schools are quizzed on questions regarding math, history, science, literature and current events.

Teams only have mere seconds to answer any given question, making speed an important skill to have. Schools are able to bring up to three teams of six people to any given competition.

The O’ Gorman team participated in their first quiz bowl competition of the year on Nov. 10 in Beresford. The Knights placed 5th out of 22 teams.

“We did pretty well, but I think that we could do better,” said freshman member Brian Billion. “We were just getting used to the format.”

Although Quiz Bowl has been around for a while, this is the first year that O’Gorman has had an official team.

In past years, Mr. Jeff Gordon took interested students to a few competitions, but this year, the team is more structured with weekly practices every Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00.

The team practices by quizzing its members over past quiz bowl questions. Practices are informal and have a very relaxed atmosphere.

According to LeBrun, the quiz bowl team has high hopes for itself this year.

“Our goal is to dominate the competition and show the superiority of O’Gorman but to also have fun,” said LeBrun.

Quiz bowl team members include Peter Petrasko, Mitchell Moe, Will Penisten, Brian Billion, Jonathan Shaeffer, Seong Ho Yoo and Sam Fogas.

According to freshman member Sam Fogas, quiz bowl is more than just an after school activity. “It has made me prepared for the real word,” said Fogas.

### Quiz Bowl

Coach: Mr. Chad LeBrun

Accomplishments:  
5th Place, Beresford  
4th Place, Tri-Valley  
1st Place, Peter Petrasko, USF

Facts:  
-Underclassmen make up the team.  
-This is O’Gorman’s first quiz bowl team.

Members:  
Peter Petrasko, Mitchell Moe, Will Penisten, Brian Billion, Jonathan Shaeffer, Seong Ho Yoo and Sam Fogas.



## Interp to enter strong competitors for state

Elizabeth Cynkar  
Staff Writer

After an intense and rewarding season, Oral Interp is not quite ready to be done. Many of the students will be going to state.

"It is an honor, and I think so many of our kids are deserving of the opportunity," said Head Coach Ms. Teresa Fester.

On Dec. 4, those competing in State Interp will travel to Sturgis, South Dakota.

With so many students participating in Oral Interp, it will be hard to select the few that will travel to state.

"This is a tough decision as so many of my top students are seniors, and my goal is to take as many seniors to state before they graduate," said Fester.

In previous years, O'Gorman has had the honor of receiving the team excellence award. This award is received when a school obtains four out of the seven possible superiors.

However, that is not the only award that can be received; a school



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The Oral Interp team performed well at this year's Pumpkinstakes competition.

can also get the state superiors award.

There are three different divisions: AA, A, and B. O'Gorman is in the AA division because it is a

big school. The oral interp team will go directly to state. Smaller schools will have to attend regions and districts before going to state.

The categories in Oral Interp

include Drama, Serious Prose, Humor, Duo, Poetry, Non-Original Oratory and Reader's Theater; AA schools can only have one entry in each of the seven categories.

Many of the seniors will be participating in Reader's Theater; they will be doing a piece called "A Bunch of Big Feet."

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Liz Kappenman (6) tries to score against the Brookings Bobcats.

# Volleyball plays games with teamwork, ability

Tanya Kapoor  
Editor-in-Chief

Two words constantly ring in the ears of O’Gorman volleyball players: teamwork and skill. The volleyball team’s emphasis on team-building and training paid off this season; the team defied skeptics by defeating the first four teams it played. The volleyball team added on to these wins during its regular season. Although the team did not make the state tournament, it strived to play every match as a team.

“This year, we have had more wins than last year because all of the players have been working hard,” said Coach Renae Kuchta. “They have been true to themselves every practice and match.”

The team’s record during the regular season was 10-10. Going into the Greater Dakota Conference, the team’s record was 5-1.

“Having those early wins was exciting,” said Kuchta. “It gave us confidence and a good start. Our team aspect and our play definitely improved this year.”

Team-building was a goal for the team. The Lady Knights’ play on the court not only depended on their abilities as players but also on their unity as a team.

“[We] played every team the best we could play,” said senior outside left hitter Jordan Fiegen. “Our team definitely came together as a whole. We all loved spending time on and off the court together.”

“Our goal was to grow as a team rather than individuals,” said senior

setter Molly Viger.

During the post-season, the team competed in districts and regions. The pathway to the state tournament involved double-elimination.

District, region, and state tournament play are often unpredictable in volleyball because of each team’s team aspect, skills and power. Several times, a team may defeat a team it has lost to earlier in the season or vice versa.

“All of the players have been working hard. They have been true to themselves every practice and match.”

-Coach Renae Kuchta

“The exciting thing about volleyball is how teams win against and defeat each other several times during the season,” said Kuchta. “Wins and losses often go back and forth between teams.”

The team was matched by formidable teams in both district and region play. Watertown High School (14-6) and Lincoln High School (14-8) were among two of the teams that the Lady Knights faced.

The Lady Knights faced Watertown in the first round of district play. The game was played in Watertown. Aside from facing diehard Watertown fans, the team faced the number two seed in District

1AA. The team won the first set, lost the next two, and then lost the last set by only two points. The final match score was 25-22, 21-25, 18-25, 24-26.

In the second round of district play, the team faced Brookings (8-12). For this game, the Lady Knights had home advantage. Also, going into the second round of districts, the team knew that it had defeated Brookings in the regular season in just three sets instead of four or maybe five. The team started off rather hesitantly in the first set but played exceptionally well during the next three sets. The final score was 21-25, 25-16, 25-15, 26-24.

Because the team won the second round of districts, it advanced to region play. The region game against Lincoln was perhaps the most unpredictable of the three post-season games that the team played. The regular season record between Lincoln and O’Gorman was a tossup: 1-1. Additionally, Lincoln, the number one seed in District 2AA, had suffered an unexpected defeat in the District 2AA Championship. The game, to the disappointment of O’Gorman fans and players, was played at Lincoln. The final score was 25-14, 15-25, 22-25, 17-25.

Although the team did not make it to the state tournament, it improved greatly from last season. The team members supported each other through wins and losses alike. Although wins and losses may go back and forth between teams, such strong unity and growth as a team is unique only to the Lady Knights.

# Football team ends another impressive season

Jameson Goetz  
Assistant Editor

O’Gorman has a legendary football program. With eight state titles in the playoff era and a record of 58-4 over the past five seasons, O’Gorman is celebrated in the South Dakota football world. The tradition of a strong football program seemed to follow suit leading into the 2008 season.

Each win near the end of the season and into the playoffs brings out numerous former players to see how this year’s team would stack up against their former team. Alumni, fans and all of South Dakota watched the Knights go into the playoffs with a record of 8-1. The Knights easily defeated Huron in the round of play. In the quarterfinals, the Knights also defeated Sturgis, winning 41-7. Finally the game all the loyal Knights fans had been waiting for came; that game decided if the Knights would

make another trip to the Dakota Dome.

On a cold Saturday afternoon, the Washington Warriors made the trip across town to play the Knights on The Mac. After a hard fought battle, the Knights lost the game 21-14. Thought it was disappointing to not make it to the Dome, the Knights still had a solid season.

## Highlights of the football season

Dakota Bowl  
O’G v. WHS (22-14)

President’s Bowl  
O’G v. RHS (24-17)

City Championship  
O’G v. LHS (49-15)

# Sophomore wins regional sportsmanship award for tennis

Jameson Goetz  
Assistant Editor

Hearing about the importance of having good sportsmanship while participating in athletics is something that occurs a great deal; however, it is not so common to be recognized for displaying such sportsmanship. Hannah VanDemark, who is currently a sophomore at O’Gorman High School, is the girls winner of the United States Tennis Association Northern Section Jerry Noyce Junior Sportsmanship Award.

The USTA Northern Section geographically includes South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Western Wisconsin. The award is given annually to one boy and one girl. VanDemark received the award Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Minnetonka Country Club.

“When I first heard that I received the award, I

was really surprised,” said VanDemark. “However, I felt very honored.”

“I heard about the award from my mom, who was laughing,” said VanDemark. “She told me that she was proud of me.”

“On the court I try to keep my cool as much as possible,” said VanDemark. “I think that has helped my game a lot because I do not get very flustered while playing.”

VanDemark’s on-court demeanor seems to have contributed to some of her tennis success. Vandemark is currently ranked 13th in the United States Tennis Association Northern Section for the Girls 16 and under age group. She is also the two-time defending South Dakota Flight 3 singles state champion as well as the two-time defending South Dakota flight 2 doubles state champion with fellow

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# Winter sports start warming up

Matt Entringer  
Adam Wilka

With famous enthusiasts such as the Hulk and Ben Grimm, it seems odd that not everyone at O'Gorman is in power lifting. From super heroes to pro football players, almost everyone at one time or another has benefited from power lifting. While the power lifting team may not be as famous as the Hulk or the Fantastic Four's Ben Grimm, it is certainly getting close.

With three consecutive state titles, the Knights are trying to do what very few have ever done.

"We know that we have a chance to obtain something very special this year," said senior heavyweight lifter Dan Oswald. "We know that winning four consecutive state titles does not happen very often, and we want to show the state that we are good enough to do that."

With tough competition coming from all over the state, the Knights are sure that this year's power lifting season will certainly be an entertaining one.

"This will be one of the best power lifting seasons in a long time," said Oswald. "With teams like Madison and all the Sioux Falls schools, we know we have to work really hard this year to achieve our goals."

If the Knights have one thing going for them, it is their strong senior leadership coming from almost every weight class. With seniors Nolan Cleary, Keith Lipetzky, Dan Oswald, Peter Prostrullo, Casey Raaen and Taylor Ronan, the Knights will be one of the most powerful in recent memory.

"I think that is definitely one of biggest advantages we have going into the season," says senior lifter Peter Prostrullo. "It is nice to

be experienced when you have a talented group of underclassmen. You really get a chance to help develop form and a good work ethic."

Coaching the Knights once again this year are Mr. Ed Whiting and Mr. Alex Butterfield.

"Mr. Whiting is our secret weapon," said Prostrullo. "He really cares about us and makes us do the best we possibly can. He is like a nurturing mother in the way that he cares for us. He is like a mother lion and we are his cubs."

With all the confidence and talent that can possibly fit into one weight room, the Knights appear to have another strong season ahead of them.

Also sporting a slew of talent and confidence and new uniforms, the Lady Knights basketball team looks to rebound from a disappointing 2007-2008 year. After failing to make state for the first time in three years, the Knights hope to start anew with the hopes winning a state championship.

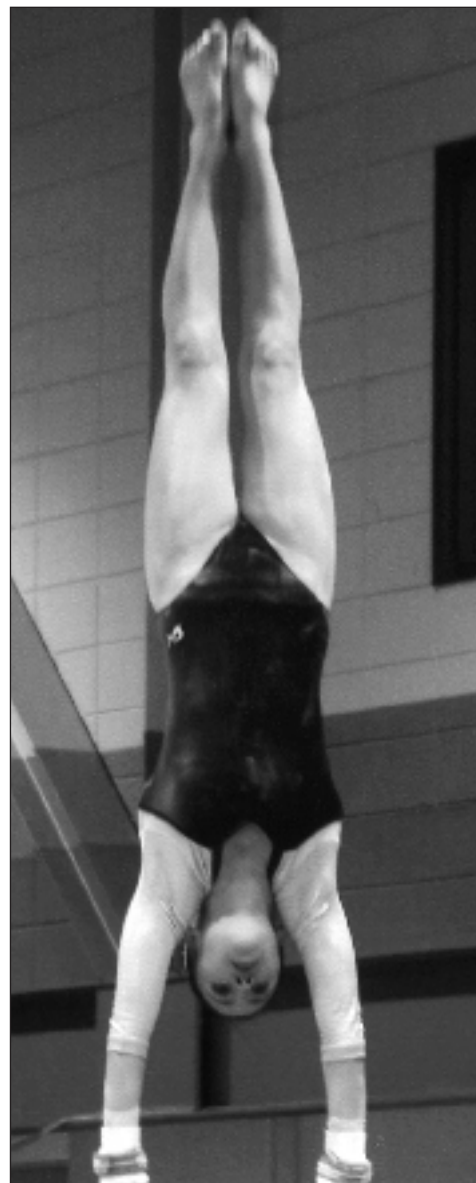
"Our kids are hard working and very competitive," said Coach Kent Kolsrud. "On a given night, we can beat anyone in the state. I am truly excited for our season."

Seniors Jenna Stroup, Emily Schulte and Molly Viger will lead the talented team this year. Schulte and Stroup are both returning starters, and Viger will add considerable minutes to this year's team.

The Lady Knights are led by Mr. Kent Kolsrud and Mr. Leo Lorang. This is Kolsrud's 11th season coaching the Knights and 16th overall. In the 11 years that he has been here, Kolsrud has brought home two state championship appearances. Also, O'Gorman was the GDC and city champions the last three years.

Watertown, Pierre and Washington are the Knights' major

rivals who are also aiming to win a state championship.



O'Gorman athletes look to improve on last year's performances.

"The field this year is very even," says Kolsrud. "There is plenty of talent in the state this year. This should be some of the best AA basketball we've seen in a long time."

The Lady Knights look to turn things around after failing to make the playoffs for the first time in three years.

"Not making the playoffs last year really disappointed us," said senior forward Molly Viger. "But it only makes us that much more eager to prove ourselves this year."

The Lady Knights enter the new season with a load of confidence and the hopes of recovering from last year's unfulfilled goals.

Along with girls basketball, the O'Gorman Knights gymnastics team has a tradition of being a



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state contender, and this season seems to be shaping up to be no different.

Although the Knights definitely have some work to do to fill the gap left by last year senior Sarah Wieler, team captain Hannah Statz said, "I think we're going to be stronger than we were last year. We've got a young, talented team

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## After two state wins, girls bowling team hopes for another victory

Christopher Oligmueller  
Staff Writer

The bowling team this year is going strong despite the loss of some players from last season.

Coming off a state championship last season, the girls' team and the coaches are hoping for another go for the state title. As for the boys team, they are hoping to clinch a state title this year as well. With a 6th place finish last year, the coaches believe that they will be able to reach a higher placing this season.

"Even with the loss of a couple seniors, we believe that we're hoping to place this year," said coaches Glen Paulson, coach

of the boys' team for 4 years, and Kevin Scott, coach of the girls' team for 3 years.

The returning players this season are Kara Busch, Paige Heim, Marie Scott, and Maria Truex, Kristyn Gebur, Mirah Bolender on the girls team and Troy Busch, Cole Heisey, Jack Berger and Eric Nash for the boys team.

When asked about state this season, Heim said they are looking for a "turkey" title.

All of the boys are aiming to win state.

The Knights start their hunt for the state title and start their season Nov. 14 with a meet against Lincoln.

The girls bowling team won the state title in 2006 and 2007 and hope this year to claim a third state win.

The boys team, which placed sixth last year, also hopes to claim a state title.

## VanDemark

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tennis player Erin Hoffman.

"Hannah truly loves the game and understands that it is just a game. If she gave it all she had, then it was a great day," said Londell Pease, an official and tournament director for the USTA. "She has a fierceness that any successful competitor requires, but she blends this well with graciousness for solid play by her opponent."

"[VanDemark] is very deserving of this award," Sioux Falls teaching pro and Jr. Team Tennis Coordinator Jeff Nelson, who introduced VanDemark at the banquet, said. "She works hard, is a great competitor and has a fun-loving personality."



PRESS PHOTO

Hannah VanDemark, a sophomore at O'Gorman, recently won the USTA Northern Section Jerry Noyce Sportsmanship Award.



# Tokyo brings exquisite taste of sushi to Sioux Falls

Maggie Lawler  
Jordan Heisler

Tokyo, a Japanese restaurant located in the Beakon Center at the intersection of 57th Street and Louise, has been growing rapidly in popularity since it opened a few years ago. After our recent visit, it is obvious why this restaurant has

become so popular.

Upon arrival, we were greeted with smiles by two of the waitresses and were seated immediately. After glancing through the great selection that the menu provided, we decided the best way to give an accurate review was to order many things and just share food.

We started off with two glasses

of water because one downside of the restaurant is that pop is slightly overpriced and comes in cans, so there are no free refills. Meals are accompanied with a free side salad with a sweet ginger dressing and the Japanese tradition of Miso Soup. Both were delectable.

Next came the sushi that we ordered which consisted of a

generous portion of both spicy tuna rolls and salmon avocado rolls. Then came our main courses. We ordered chicken teriyaki and a bento box, which allowed us to try all different sorts of food.

Ours included a beef stir fry over steamed rice, salmon teriyaki and California rolls. Just when we thought we couldn't eat anymore,

we were offered ice cream for dessert. We ordered butter pecan and green tea ice cream.

Tokyo was an excellent experience for the both of us. The service was excellent throughout our meal. The food, while slightly expensive, comes in large portions and was exquisite.

# Mrs. Sternburg: library legend

Jameson Goetz  
Assistant Editor

Many wonder why it is that O’Gorman seems to have won so many awards lately. No one seems to know the true reason. However, one person has a theory.

“I began working at O’Gorman five years ago, about the same time that O’Gorman began its recent winning streak of awards,” Mrs. Annie Sternburg, current librarian at O’Gorman High School, said with a chuckle.

The thing high school students seem to wonder most about their teachers is what their teachers were like during their high school years. Growing up in Platte, South Dakota, Sternburg was one of six girls in her family. She attended Platte High School where it seems that Sternburg’s high school experience was not all that unique.

“When I was in high school, I seemed to be in trouble a lot,” said Sternburg when describing her own high school experience.

After high school Sternburg continued her education at Dakota Wesleyan in Mitchell, South Dakota. While at Dakota Wesleyan, Sternburg earned a B.A. in Sociology.



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Mrs. Sternburg has served as a librarian for five years.

After earning her B.A. in Sociology, Sternburg furthered her education at Emporia State University in Emporia, Kansas. While at Emporia State University, Sternburg earned a M.A. in Library Science.

“Being a librarian is like being a detective [who is] searching for clues and finding the answers,” said Sternburg when describing why she decided to become a librarian.

Sternburg is married to her husband, Buck. Sternburg and her husband have three boys: Jack who is thirteen years old, and twins Pete and Levi, who are eleven years old. All three of Sternburg’s children attend the Brandon Valley School District.

Another one of Sternburg’s interests is football. Sternburg lists the Louisiana State University Tigers and the Texas Tech

Red Raiders as her favorite collegiate football teams and the Denver Broncos and Cleveland Browns as her favorite professional football teams.

Sternburg, who considers herself an avid reader, lists all four books of the recently popular *Twilight Series* as her favorite books.

“All I can say about the books is that Edward is perfect,” said Sternburg.

# Film version of Marlowe’s play lost in obscurity

Melissa Rushing  
Assistant Editor

While a handful of great films have proven their worth by standing the test of time, there is a dump truck full of obscure films lost to the sands of time.

*Doctor Faustus* has never won, or even been nominated, for an award. One of its directors, Richard Burton, is also the leading man, playing Doctor Faustus. Secondary characters were recruited university drama students.

Originally released in Great Britain in October of 1967 and later in the US in February of 1968, it is the story of a scientist who sells his soul to the devil to acquire even greater knowledge and power. It’s based on the play, *Doctor Faustus*, by Christopher Marlowe which was written in 1588.

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# Magazine sales cause confusion for freshmen

Christina Engeman  
Maegen Lipetzky

The magazine sale experience was one of excitement and confusion for the freshman class. The whole ordeal was different from any other fundraiser that the freshmen have ever done.

“The first class meeting was very cool; everyone was talking about it the whole day,” said freshman Kylee Bosseler.

“Mr. Krier scares us into selling with a glare and the look in his eyes,” said freshman Frankie Maxwell.

Each freshman advisor has his or her own way of getting students to sell magazines.

Other teachers simply buy them doughnuts or make locker signs. For example, the Mrs. Halverson and Mrs. Sternburg advisory came up with a secret cheer that includes Mrs. Halverson doing a jump.

“I think the freshmen are a little scared of the cheer, but they get used to it by senior year,” said Sternburg.

# Spill Canvas honors fans, hometown

Zachary Dresch  
Staff Writer

As alternative rock’s popularity starts to grow, one local band has made a large impact on Sioux Falls.

The Spill Canvas is an alternative rock band consisting of Sioux Falls locals Nick Thomas, Landon Heil, Dan Ludeman and Joe Beck. The band originally started off as a solo acoustic project for frontman Nick Thomas.

“It was always his intention to make it the full band, but he had a hard time finding the right guys,” said drummer Joe Beck.

*Sunsets and Car Crashes*, their first album, featured Thomas with guest musicians. When the second album *One Fell Swoop* was released, Thomas had gained a full band. Both albums were featured on indie label 111 Records.

The band’s influences consist of a broad range of music.

“We think it is incredibly important, to respect all different kinds of music,” said Beck. “Whether it is rock, jazz, folk, hip hop/R&B, soul, pop or country, we appreciate and draw influences from it all.”

After touring for *One Fell Swoop*, the band gained major label interest from Sire

Records, a major label with many different bands such as *Against Me!*, *Jack’s Mannequin* and *Tegan and Sara*.

“It was a process that essentially took three years of solid touring to gain the attention of Sire Records,” said Beck. “Through mutual friends in the music business, we were brought to their attention, and we went through a lengthy process to make it official.”

The band is currently touring throughout the United States for the most recent album *No Really, I’m Fine* with such bands as

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Quantum of Solace features Craig and Olga Kurylenko. PRESS PHOTO

# Blond Bond heats up screen in latest 007 adventure

Matt Entringer  
Staff Writer

While the latest Bond cast looks like a meeting of the United Nations, it goes to prove that the franchise has become an international sensation. With the most acrobatic James Bond yet, this globe hopping adventure packs a powerful cinematic punch. A charismatic Bond leads an all-star adventure in this respectable outing for the famous British spy.

In the latest installment for the international hero, a vengeful James Bond seeks to stop a maniacal organization from taking over Bolivia's water supply. The film takes off almost immediately where Casino Royale ended. Bond becomes entangled with the same organization that killed his beloved Vesper and tries to make it personal this time around.

Along the way he meets a beautiful, damaged woman named Camille, who assists Bond in trying to foil an organization known as Quantum's plan. The main conspirator in Quantum turns out to be Dominic Greene, who tries to aide a ruthless dictator in recovering Bolivia's stabilized government. Bond and Camille desperately try

to stop Greene while also staying ahead of the CIA and British Intelligence.

Daniel Craig plays the enigmatic James Bond for the second straight film. The second strong performance by Craig proves he is a legitimate heir to the Bond Franchise and not another Timothy Dalton. While he may not look like the typical James Bond, Craig proves that looks are not everything. He plays Bond with such a take-no-prisoners attitude that makes him one to be feared and respected at the same time.

Bond is joined by the seductive Camille, who is played by newcomer Olga Kurylenko. Camille is on the classic quest of a damaged woman seeking revenge against a long time foe. She does a really nice job of providing substance to her character and works well with Daniel Craig.

Dominic Greene is played by Mathieu Amalric, who was in last year's critically acclaimed *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. Greene is certainly not the best Bond villain to ever grace the screen, but he does provide a nice turn as a ruthless businessman seeking to harbor one of South America's most precious

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# Children's play to appeal to audience of all ages

After an audition of 62 people, 38 students were chosen for the cast of this year's children's play

Shilpa Chandran  
Staff Writer

O'Gorman High School is hoping to put on a charming Children's Show that will appeal not only to their core demographic of children, but also to viewers of all ages. This year's play will be based on the story of the Nutcracker.

"Our challenge is going to be showing the world that this is a play, not just a ballet," said Mr. Scott Nelson, O'Gorman Drama Director.

The endearing tale behind the dance includes an array of colorful characters, from the Sugar Plum Fairy to the Nutcracker himself.

The main character, a young girl, finds herself awake on Christmas night, only to realize that her once inanimate presents have come alive.

With the help of her newfound friends, she escapes into a world where anything is possible.

Sixty-two people auditioned for this play. Given the large

number, Mrs. Kendra Dexter, in charge of costuming the drama department, agreed to clothe 30-40 people.

The final result was a cast of 38 people. Jenny Neidich, a first-time costumer, is especially looking forward to this upcoming production.

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- Mr. Scott Nelson

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"From what I've been told, it takes a lot of dedication," said Neidich. "The costumers even take notes while watching rehearsal to see what we can add to each costume."

Along with costuming and acting, the other significant

component of any production is the set. Mr. Kevin Humke is in the charge of the technical crew.

Students involved in the set, or "techies" as they've been so aptly nicknamed, are working hard on making the scenery come alive.

"It will be a small set, but once it's finished, it will really stand out," said Jonathan Oliver, a techie. "Without us techies, there is no play."

The Children's Show will be premiering on December 5, 6, and 7. The date listed in O'Gorman's planner is incorrect as changes have been made to accommodate as many people as possible.

This leaves a mere three and a half weeks between the time auditions took place and when opening night will be.

"There will be a lot of pressure and hard work involved," said Nelson. "But hopefully, with the short time, the play will still be relatively new and exciting for everyone involved."

# First Warning Sign of Cancer.

Spit Tobacco: Not a Safe Alternative.

O'Gorman T.A.T.U.



# Your Christmas list just got a bit longer this year

Dacia Willson  
Staff Writer

If you want to receive this holiday's most desirable presents on Christmas morning it is vital to leave Santa a scrumptious treat that exceeds the traditional crunchy cookies and warm milk.

The iPod touch 3G is hastily climbing the ladder of the holiday's hottest gifts. The slim, hand held electronic device is capable of containing music, accessing the web and storing files. With the tap of a finger, you can check your e-mail and listen to music; it is like an mp3 and laptop all in one compact gadget.

"I'm hoping my parents will

get me one for Christmas," said Abby Leafstedt. "I need an Ipod that can hold more music."

Verizon Wireless will soon be an extremely proud network due to the upcoming release of the first ever touch screen BlackBerry. The phone is called the BlackBerry Storm which includes a 3.2 mega pixel camera, Bluetooth capability, 3.25 inch screen, internet and mp3. This high tech phone is reliable with its extended battery and expanded memory.

Polaroid recently jumped the fence of technological advances with the recent release of the Pocket Printer. The convenience of the printer is astounding. You can hook up your digital camera or phone through a USB outlet and

have 2 by 3 inch photos printed instantly. Although small in size, the device sells for \$150.

People have papers to type, friends to chat with, and music to be downloaded which is why laptops are wanted among highschoolers.

"I want a Dell laptop for homework and my job because the computers are outdated there," said Ben Linsenmeyer.

Wool jackets with a buttoned down front are a splendid gift. The warm stylish coats are not gender exclusive. For women a plaid printed one would be trendy and for men - solid black, brown or gray.

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given toward measure 11 which brought about the issue of ending abortion. At the end of the very controversial election the measure was voted down by the margin of 55% to 45%.

Other key local election results included victories of Democratic incumbent Sen. Tim Johnson (63%) over Joel Dykstra (37%) and Democratic incumbent Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (68%) over Chris Lien (32%).

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opportunities to learn and grow in the Catholic faith at O’Gorman. Daily Mass has a profound impact though it is not always directly perceptible. Of course, theology classes themselves are excellent sources of catechesis. That being said, it is my belief that we must never become content with a limited role of Catholic faith in this school. For an even deeper understanding of life we (both students and teachers) should work to integrate our faith into every science, history and math classroom. I do not mean to say that this does not already happen; rather, I believe it’s a process we can and should continue.

S: Are there any specific issues you want to cover in the upcoming column?

J.S.: Next month I hope to present a column discussing the enriching relationship the Catholic Church has had with science. We may even explore the Galileo issue a bit. After that, I do not have anything concrete planned. I may continue with the Catholic contributions theme and discuss literature or art.

# In - and - Out

Artificial Turf

Grass

Lighted Hallways

Dark Tunnels

Josh Brolin

Pres. George W. Bush

Tina Fey

Gov. Sarah Palin

Argyle

Plaid

Uggs

Flip Flops

Faux Hawks

Mohawks

# Photo Survey

“If you could be any animal, which would you be and why?”



Michaela Kouri

“A goose, because they live on the golf course.”



Jared Ballard and Brandon Ronan

“Catdog, because it’s awesome!”



Billy Baker

“An Al Paca because their fur is so soft.”



Taryn Gerdes

“A kangaroo, because I’ve always wanted to be in a mob.”

# Having fun requires open mind, circle of friends

Maegen Lipetzky  
Staff Writer

There are those people who sit at home on the weekends and claim that there is nothing fun to do in Sioux Falls. Then, there are the few optimistic people who have fun no matter what.

The people that can’t find anything fun to do are usually self-conscious or introverts. The truth just may be that they are not open to any crazy suggestion.

Many people hold back because they are worried about how people

will perceive them.

In reality it really shouldn’t matter what people will think because you are probably never going to see them again.

On the other hand, the people that seem to always be having fun usually don’t care what other people think of them.

These people can have a good time no matter what, even if it is just walking around Walmart.

I would consider myself the type of person who can find fun. I blame my parents for this because they constantly embarrass me,

so I’ve learned not to care what people think.

It doesn’t bother me when I’m out in public and having fun if I receive a few awkward glances. I know that I am enjoying myself and having a good time.

What a person does and how much fun he or she has is greatly influenced by the company he or she is with.

Being with a big circle of friends, ideas can circulate, and fun will happen as long as everyone keeps an open mind. One would be surprised about all the fun ideas

that are brought up.

Some of simplest but most entertaining suggestions would be going sledding at Tuthill, having a movie night with friends, driving on the haunted Spook Road or even just hanging out at the mall.

However, fun won’t come looking for someone. A person must get off his or her couch and go find it.

Fun is an easy thing to find if one can be carefree and open to suggestions, even if it is just jamming to music in the car.



## Christmas

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The Empire Mall has a kiosk right by Cinnabon that sells sheepskin moccasins, which are an affordable gift idea.

Refraining from electronics, Mary Santella and Tori Christensen hope that they will receive pets for Christmas.

“My current dog is psycho, and a chocolate lab puppy would be refreshing”, said Santella.

On the other hand, Christensen would be pleased with an aquatic pet.

“I want a fish, but my mom won’t let me,” said Christensen.

Santa’s reindeer will surely have a noisy night with a sleigh full of cell phones ringing, puppies yapping, fish splashing and music playing.

## Canvas

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OneRepublic and The Hush Sound. The tour will conclude around Christmas.

“We are really psyched about the response *No Really, I’m Fine* has gotten,” said Beck. “We never had any idea it would be so successful, but we are very pleased with it nonetheless.”

Even though the band has had so much success, it has not affected the members’ personal lives in any way. The band still loves to play in Sioux Falls when it gets the chance.

“It is weird, we can go play those huge festivals and be totally fine, but for some reason when we come home, we feel like the microscope is about 1,000 times more intense,” says Beck. “With family and friends, we have grown up with them, [and] you definitely feel like you have something to prove.”

The band has had the opportunity to do much due to popularity. The band appeared on MTV as guests on TRL.

“Most likely one of the coolest moments in Spill Canvas history was the day we walked on as the guests on MTV’s TRL, which was also the day MTV unveiled the whole block-long building which was covered by 40 foot by 20 foot larger than life pictures of us,” said Beck.

As for future plans, the band has many ideas within the coming months.

“I think we are going to start writing some songs and potentially putting together a record,” said Beck. “Unless some cool touring comes up, I believe we will be constructing the new album.”

When it comes to the fans, The Spill Canvas never forgets about them.

“The fans are definitely the livelihood of Spill Canvas,” said Beck. “We would be nowhere without them.”

## Winter

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and I am confident that we can make top three.”

The girls want to emphasize that gymnastics is not just about winning.

“Our goal is for every girl to make her own personal accomplishments,” said senior leader Erica Adams. “I still expect to place well in state.”

Like the gymnastics team, the wrestling team looks to do well in the state tournament. With a new season and a batch of young talent, the Knights, coming off a promising year, have high hopes for the new wrestling season.

“We definitely have a shot at something special this year,” said senior wrestler Austin Nelson. “I feel like we are definitely a team to be reckoned with.”

The Knights are led by a group of seniors that include Taylor Ronan, Peter Meyer, Austin Nelson and two-time state placer Robbie Hakl. With experience and a solid work ethic, the Knights would

appear to be one of the favorites in the city. A strong group of seniors is not the only thing the Knights have going for them however.

“We have special instructors that will come every Monday to help with our technique,” said senior wrestler Robbie Hakl. “The instructors from Iowa State and Augustana are really going to help us be the most prepared we have ever been. It is the most excited I have ever been for wrestling.”

Coaching the Knights for the 32nd straight year is Mr. Jeff Gordon. Gordon will be aided this year by Nolan Whiting, Tom Lynch, Matt Lynch and James Boehner.

Challenging the Knights are the Sioux Falls schools as well as Sturgis and Rapid City Stevens.

“All the Sioux Falls schools are pretty even this year,” said Gordon. “We also have to watch out for Watertown, Milbank, and Canton because their wrestling programs are some of the best in the state. Our goal is to compete with these schools and be a top team in our region and I think we have the

wrestlers to do that.”

While wrestling practice is just underway, many wrestlers have been preparing all year.

“A lot of us have been wrestling during the summer at various places,” said Nelson. “From Augustana wrestling nights to Missouri camps it is definitely the hardest I have ever prepared for wrestling and I hope it will pay off during the season.”

An impressive class of wrestlers and strong coaching leave many people hopeful for the new wrestling season.

“This could be one of the best years we have had at O’Gorman for a long time,” says Hakl. “It would be a disappointment if we don’t live up to our potential, because we can beat any team in the state if we keep our heads on straight. This year will put O’Gorman wrestling back on the map.”

Boys basketball, like wrestling, has constantly been preparing for this year’s season. It would be inaccurate to say that this means basketball season is about to start, because according to players like

Matt Whitesel, “it never ended.”

The boys on the team are usually done with several hours of basketball by the time most students arrive at school. Each player has his own reasons for going to the gym every morning to hone his skills.

“I’ve got an itch for the state championship, and I come in here every morning to scratch it,” said Whitesel.

Brent Clark on the other hand says he comes simply because, “There’s just no better time to lace up your shoes and play some ball.”

Ryan Graber says he just feels more focused during school after a few games of basketball.

All of this training and practicing, though, depends on the team itself.

“I’m going to be straight with you: last year, the season was a building season,” said Chris Ridl. “The Knights are going to put on a show this year, no matter how hard we have to push ourselves to do it.”

## Faustus

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Burton and his co-director, Nevill Coghill, used the original dialogue of the play for their movie, and although the actors speak in Old English, it sounds very natural. It can become hard to understand because part of their speaking natural is talking at a regular – and sometimes fast – pace. The language, however, is easily forgettable and ignored because the action is relatively quick-paced and holds one’s attention much better.

The special effects and the set are either surprisingly well done for a late sixties movie or either very cheesy and primitive – it honestly changes from scene to scene. Faustus’ study is an extremely detailed and well put together set, but when the devil appears, he is most obviously a puppet.

Despite its numerous effectual short comings, *Doctor Faustus* achieves its purpose. It is extremely spooky; it drips eeriness. The music is more than suspenseful, it’s creepy to the point of making one sick to one’s stomach.

One of the best scenes though, by far, has a completely opposite feel than the rest of the film. In it Faustus mocks a group of monks – who shuffle about like confused mice – throws cakes at them, and drops food in the bishop’s miter.

Although the director takes the leading role, Andreas Tueber, who is more a professor than an actor, did a better job playing the devil, Mephistopheles, than Burton did playing Faustus in his own film. Tueber regrettably only appears in a single later film.

Elizabeth Taylor, who has a more recognizable name than any of the lead actors, plays a relatively small role as the ghost of Helen of Troy.

It’s not a wonder why *Doctor Faustus* is not considered a great classic – it’s hardly known at all. Theatrically, it’s honestly not very good, but it should go down in history as a disturbing and sinister retelling of Marlowe’s great play. It is not, however. And this movie’s fate, truly lost to time, is best summed up in one of its own lines: “Faustus, thou art damned.”

## Recycling

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is important,” said Kevin Smith, Assistant Director of Public Works for the City of Sioux Falls. “Simply put, the more materials we can keep out of the landfill, the longer the landfill will last,” said Smith.

Public Works estimates that the most recent addition to the landfill, a parcel whose total cost is \$4 million, will last from three to five years. An addition planned for 2012 will cost twice as much.

Local utility Novak Sanitary Service has recently implemented a new incentive program for the recycling portion of its services. NSS customers saw two major upgrades to their disposal service in the past few months.

First, all recycling is now single stream and

with a greater range of accepted material. This means that glass, plastic, paper, metal and any other recyclables go in one giant bin. According to local utility Millennium Recycling single stream recycling can reduce overall waste by 30%.

In addition to this new functionality, customers have another incentive to recycle: cash. NSS Customers are now rewarded for the weight of what they recycle. For every pound customers earn credit at local participating businesses.

Recycling, although just one part of the local green initiative, is a vital key.

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resources. Judi Dench and Jeffrey Wright reprise their roles from Casino Royale as M and Felix Leiter, respectively. Both try and aide Bond in his quest to extinguish the plans of Quantum.

Marc Forster takes the director’s chair for the twenty-second installment of the Bond franchise. While Forster (Monster’s Ball, Finding Neverland) doesn’t have a lot of experience in action movies, he does have a forte for developing characters. Bond may be an enigma but he shows a vulnerable side which only seems to make him that much more dangerous. Forster also provides great action in the form of rooftop chases and classic Bond shootouts.

With all this said, Quantum of Solace does have its weak points. It seems like they were having a sale on confusing plot details and Forster bought in bulk. The typical Bond plot always involves a complex foreign issue but this one goes far over its audience’s head. A plot that involves Bolivia’s water supply and an aggressive dictator would have been

enough to fuel this action packed thrill ride. The movie takes it one step farther however and adds traitors and a subplot of Vesper’s boyfriend to an already packed story. There also seemed to be almost too many characters to keep track of. Every two minutes a new Bond aide was coming on to the screen including a few leftover from Casino Royale.

Quantum is definitely a respectable chapter in the Bond series. Quantum of Solace hits many high notes and a few sour ones along the way but in the end does its job. Bond is back and adds another entertaining chapter in the already historic franchise.

*Quantum of Solace*

Starring Daniel Craig  
as James Bond

Entertainment: A-  
Overall Quality: B





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